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Arad (R 16/U 06)

1. No Rumanian Army troops were observed in Arad up to 27 June 1950. The district recruiting headquarters was on Marasti Street, at the corner of Numa Iompiliu Street.
2. The Arad border guard battalion, subordinate to the border guard regiment in Oradea Mare (R 48/P 65), controlled a sector along the Hungarian border extending to the west as far as Beba Veche (Y 7/T 36).
3. A building opposite the town hall housed one battalion of the Militia or the Security Police.

Lipova Radna (R 16/U 34)

4. No Rumanian Army units were observed in Lipova up to 27 June 1950.
5. The school for political officers and NCOs in Radna graduated about 400 trainees from each 6-month course. Colonel Neculce, (fnu), was commandant of the school. It was not learned whether the school belonged to the army or to the troops of the Ministry of the Interior.

Timisoara (R 16/T 91)

6. The Hq 4th Border Guard Regt was identified at 2 Bulv. Dr. Babes up to 13 June 1950.
7. A Militia detachment was at 24 Bulv. Mihai Vitaezul, at the corner of Bulv. Dr. Babes. A Security Police company (Companie de Securitate) was stationed at 16 Bulv. Dr. Babes next to the Bega sanatorium.

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8. A reserve officer from Timisoara, who had completed the reservists' training period with a Craiova (R 33/34/A 83) unit on 1 June 1950, stated that in all political classes it was said that there would soon be war with the Western powers.

Lugoj (R 25/U 50)

9. A mounted artillery regiment which had been in Arad up to the fall of 1949 was identified in the Artillery Barracks on Memorandului Street and on Sf. Ion Square up to 13 June 1950. The regiment, commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Jacobini, (fnu), was organized into two battalions of three batteries each and equipped with 75-mm guns. It was subordinate to the military district headquarters in Cluj (R 26/L 81).
10. An engineer unit, also assigned to the Cluj military district headquarters, was in the former Queen Maria Barracks in the block bordered by Louis Barthou Street, Mlevnei Street, Marasti Street and Marasesti Street.
11. The headquarters of a border guard unit was in a house near the railroad station. A training center for officers and NCOs of the border guard forces was also located in Lugoj. The trainees were billeted in the town.

CARANSEBAS (R 25/Z 76)

12. The 31st Mtz AT Arty Bn was identified in the barracks on Episcop Popazu Street, next to the cathedral on Piata Mare Square, up to 17 June 1950. The battalion was commanded by Captain Barabuta, (fnu), and was organized into three batteries of three platoons each. Each platoon was equipped with three 75-mm AT guns of Rumanian type Resita-1948. There were two other AT artillery battalions, organized like the 31st Mtz AT Arty Bn, whose posts were not known. Officers and NCOs of the three battalions had come from a "Mixed Group" which had been located in Caransebes prior to dissolution. *
13. Infantrymen, engineers and fire fighting troops were observed with a unit in the Dragalina Barracks near Dragalina Park. This unit, which was referred to as mixed regiment, furnished troops for observation posts and patrols in the vicinity of the town.
14. Horse-drawn artillery troops with 75-mm guns bivouacked in the area near the old airfield on 17 June 1950.
15. Reserve officers and NCOs in Caransebes were inducted for service with units of the Ministry of the Interior from April to June 1950.

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Control of the Yugoslav Border

16. Rumanian border guard troops were on duty in the Iustinis (R 16/T 60)-Foeni (R 16/Y 58)-Toager (Y 18/Y 77) border sector up to 5 June 1950. They performed their duty from field positions along the border or from watchtowers.
17. Rumanian border guard troops were also observed in the Tolvadia (Y 18/Y 77)-Moravita (Y 18/Y 95) sector and in the Beba Veche (Y 7/T 36)-Lunga (Y 7/T 43) sector up to the latter part of June 1950.
18. Field fortifications of emplacements and communication trenches were being constructed along the border. It was rumored that concrete pillboxes were also built. Heavy weapons of border troops, such as AT guns and light AA guns, were permanently emplaced in prepared positions.

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[REDACTED] Comment. The information probably refers to the so-called 4th Mtz Special Bn of the 2d "Horia Closca si Crisan" Mtz Inf Div which was identified in Caransebas in 1948. No reliable reports on elements of the 2d Mtz Inf Div have been received since the beginning of 1949. It is believed that the division was either reorganized or deactivated.

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